<u>REMARKS</u>

Claims 3-6, and 8-13 are now pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 7, 14 and 15 have been cancelled. Claims 3, 8 and 9 are currently amended. No new matter has been added. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-2, 7 and 14-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Daugman (U.S. Pat. No. 5,291,560). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants have cancelled Claims 1-2, 7 and 14-15 and therefore render this rejection moot.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner states that claims 3-6 and 8-13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicant(s) have amended claims 3, 8 and 9 to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, claims 3-6 and 8-13 should now be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will

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expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-0750, under Order No. 5077-000087/US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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